

Amend claim 14 as follows:

14. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein at least a portion of said bactericidal metal is crystalline silver.

Amend claim 15 as follows:

15. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said antimicrobial sheet material further comprises silver-containing nylon fabric.

Amend claim 16 as follows:

16. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said antimicrobial sheet material further comprises:
 - a first layer of polymeric material; and
 - a second layer engaging at least one side of said first layer, said second layer containing said bactericidal metal.

Amend claim 17 as follows:

17. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said antimicrobial sheet material further comprises:
 - a first layer of polymeric material including a gel composition including a block copolymer and mineral oil; and
 - a second layer engaging at least one side of said first layer, said second layer containing said bactericidal metal.

Amend claim 18 as follows:

18. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said appliance is at least somewhat flexible.

Amend claim 19 as follows:

19. The device as recited in claim 12, wherein said appliance is at least somewhat shapeable.

Amend claim 20 as follows:

20. A treatment device, comprising:

an antimicrobial sheet material having

a first layer of polymeric material, and

a second layer engaging at least one side of said first layer,

said second layer containing silver; and

a dental appliance for retaining said antimicrobial sheet material in a selected position engaging a treatment site so that, when said antimicrobial sheet material is in selected position, said antimicrobial sheet material releases metal ions to said treatment site when wetted.